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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, OFFICE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THROUGH : CHIEF, JOINT SUBSIDIARY PLANS DIVISION
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT : Liaison between Central Intelligence Agency
and the Office of Military Assistance.

1. Several incidents have occurred in recent weeks which indicate the necessity for closer coordination between your office and Central Intelligence Agency.

2. As an example, the question has been raised by the Bureau of the Budget in its scrutiny of Fiscal Year 1953 estimates whether or not our respective activities in various parts of the world have been coordinated, and if not, whether there is any possibility of duplication or lack of adequate coverage.

3. In addition, informal conversations between members of our respective staffs have developed a number of cases in which knowledge of your program would have afforded CIA valuable guidance. These conversations have also indicated that there is probably need for coordination not only at the Washington level but in the field as well.

4. As an initial step toward improved coordination, I recommend that we designate members of our respective staffs as "contact officers". Appropriate CIA security clearances could then be arranged for your designees after which he could be briefed to the extent necessary to permit him to act knowledgeably in future cases to arise. As I understand it, no unusual security clearance would be required for the CIA designees.

5. This recommendation has been discussed with Brig. Gen. John Magruder, Office of the Secretary of Defense, who has expressed his agreement.

(Signed) KILBOURNE JOHNSTON

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cc: Gen. Magruder (OSD)

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